

Town of Norridgewock**TIF Advisory Committee Minutes****February 22, 2022**

Vice Chair Becky Ketchum called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Town Office. Committee members Ruth Keister, John Malek (via Zoom), and Sallie Wilder were present. Also, in attendance for all or part of the meeting was Town Manager Richard LaBelle. Members Jessie Everett, Brandi Ireland, and Drew Ketterer were absent with excuse.

Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Kerri Everett and John Keister.

Ruth made a motion to accept the prior meeting minutes as written; Sallie seconded. Becky offered amendments, which were accepted without objection. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Discussion/Action on 2022 Photography Contract Renewal. John made a motion to renew the contract for one year; seconded by Ruth. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Discussion/Action on Canoe/Kayak Storage at Park. Ruth spoke with the Harbormaster in Belfast to discuss purchasing or building kayak/canoe racks. Online research (StoreYourBoard.com) showed that an average 8-unit storage is \$899. The racks are free-standing (not on a cement pad—directly on ground), made of American white cedar, and lasts. In Belfast, people provide their own locks; the Town charges to use the rack. Annually, townspeople must sign a liability contract, receive a sticker, and pay \$60 to store the craft from May to December. Non-residents pay an additional \$20 per season.

Sallie expresses an interest in offering canoe storage, as well. This would require research regarding specifications of proposed units. John expressed concerns regarding actual usage of the storage. He also believes that building a structure would be sturdier and more cost-effective; he would also like to see canoe storage. The committee supports the idea; Becky made a motion to table a decision to research for reconsideration at the next meeting; seconded by Ruth. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Discussion/Action on Revisions to the *Façade Improvement Program Guidelines*. The committee discusses the program guidelines and potential changes to the document. There was significant discussion regarding potential geographic limitations for the program. There was also discussion regarding the requirement of gaining final approvals by the Town prior to commencing work. Becky made a motion to recommend the adoption of the revised *Façade Improvement Program Guidelines*; Seconded by Sallie. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Other Business. John made a motion to authorize the purchase of three pet waste stations \$779; seconded by Becky. All were in favor; motion passed.

Next meeting will be March 22, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Town Office.

Becky adjourned meeting at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard LaBelle

Acting Secretary, TIF Committee